

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A broadcast receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver which receives a first TV broadcast signal and a second TV broadcast signal;

a first decoder which decodes the first TV broadcast signal received by the receiver;

a second decoder which decodes the second TV broadcast signal received by the receiver;

a detector which detects a decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal decoded by the first decoder; and

a synthesizer which generates a composite signal obtained by replacing the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal detected by the detector with a corresponding part of the second TV broadcast signal decoded by the second decoder.

16. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein at least one of the first decoder and the second decoder decodes the TV broadcast signal with use of the composite signal generated by the synthesizer.

17. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the first decoder and the detector constitute decoding and detecting unit which decodes the first TV broadcast signal and detects the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal during decoding of the first TV broadcast signal to output a detection result to the synthesizer.

18. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising
a first storage which stores the first TV broadcast signal decoded by the first decoder, and
a second storage which stores the second TV broadcast signal decoded by the second decoder, wherein
the synthesizer reads out the decoded first TV broadcast signal from the first storage and the decoded second TV broadcast signal from the second storage, and generates a composite signal obtained by replacing the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal detected by the detector with a corresponding part of the second TV broadcast signal read out by the second storage.

19. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising a timesharing unit which timeshares the first TV broadcast signal and the second TV broadcast signal received by the receiver for outputting, wherein
the first decoder and the second decoder constitute a single decoder which alternately decodes the first TV broadcast signal and the second TV broadcast signal timeshared by the timesharing unit.

20. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising
a first storage which stores the composite signal outputted from the synthesizer, and
a second storage which stores the second TV broadcast signal decoded by the single decoder, wherein

the synthesizer is operative to store the second TV broadcast signal decoded by the single decoder in the first storage if the detector has not detected the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal, and is operative to read out the part of the second TV broadcast signal corresponding to the decoding error part from the second storage to store the readout part in the first storage if the detector has detected the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal.

21. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the single decoder decodes the first TV broadcast signal with use of the composite signal stored in the first storage if the detector has detected the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal.

22. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the single decoder and the detector constitute decoding and detecting unit which decodes the first TV broadcast signal corresponding to the second TV broadcast signal after decoding the second TV broadcast signal, and detects the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal during decoding of the first TV broadcast signal to output a detection result to the synthesizer.

23. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the first TV broadcast signal and the second TV broadcast signal are each a digital TV broadcast signal, and
the first TV broadcast signal has a content identical to a content of the second TV broadcast signal, and provides video of a quality higher than a quality of the second TV broadcast signal.

24. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the second TV broadcast signal is a broadcast signal for use in broadcasting under rainfall for the first TV broadcast signal.

25. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the first TV broadcast signal and the second TV broadcast signal are each a digital TV broadcast signal, and the first TV broadcast signal has a content identical to a content of the second TV broadcast signal, and is a signal modulated by a modulation system having a viewable receiving C/N ratio higher than a viewable receiving C/N ratio of a modulation system applied to the second TV broadcast signal .

26. (New) A broadcast receiving method comprising:
receiving a first TV broadcast signal and a second TV broadcast signal;
decoding the first TV broadcast signal received;
decoding the second TV broadcast signal received;
detecting a decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal decoded ; and
generating a composite signal obtained by replacing the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal detected with a corresponding part of the second TV broadcast signal decoded.

27. (New) A recording medium storing a broadcast receiving program in executable form that causes a computer to function as:

detecting means for detecting a decoding error part of a decoded first TV broadcast signal; and

synthesizing means for generating a composite signal obtained by replacing the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal detected by the detecting means with a corresponding part of a decoded second TV broadcast signal.

28. (New) A broadcast receiving circuit comprising:

a first decoding circuit for decoding a first TV broadcast signal;

a second decoding circuit for decoding a second TV broadcast signal;

a detecting circuit for detecting a decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal decoded by the first decoding circuit; and

a synthesizing circuit for generating a composite signal obtained by replacing the decoding error part of the first TV broadcast signal detected by the detecting circuit with a corresponding part of the second TV broadcast signal decoded by the second decoding circuit.